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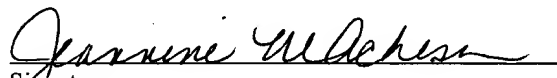
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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A further extension of time, to and including December 3, 2003, is requested for response to the final office action dated June 3, 2003. Along with a response to final office action filed October 3, 2003, a petition for a one-month extension of time, along with the appropriate fee, was submitted. The remaining fee required for the third month extension through December 3, 2003, is believed to be \$840.00, and a check in that amount is enclosed herewith. If the fee is calculated incorrectly, then it is requested that the appropriate fee be debited from Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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